

Fund Drive Begins for Rose Parade Entry

ANN LANDERS



She Likes 'em Short

Dear Ann Landers: I am a career girl in my mid-20s who has a college degree, good family background, solid reputation for respectability, pleasant personality, interesting (but not beautiful) face and a better than average figure. I have plenty of dates, but the problem is that every man who interests me is shorter than I am. In my stocking feet I am five-foot-eleven.

I have an aunt who is my height and she married a man who is five-eight. All through childhood I remember how odd my uncle and aunt looked together. I vowed that I would not spend my life bending over to hear what my husband was saying. Yet the tall guys I have dated never seem to have anything to say that is worth listening to.

What advice do you have for me, Ann Landers?
—GYPSY.

Dear Gyp: Settle for a short guy with a loud voice.

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter from the mother whose retarded child died. Well-meaning but insensitive friends kept coming up to her at the funeral and saying such things as, "It's all for the best."

Not long ago I lost my husband. He was an alcoholic and his drinking drove him to an early grave. I can count on one hand the number of people who said, "I am sorry" and let it go at that. Almost everyone had to let me know that my husband's death was no surprise and no loss to society — although he was an MD and did a great deal of good in the world.

The two MDs who worked with my husband didn't say a single word to comfort me. They just came over, shook their heads and walked on. I never realized how heartless and cruel people can be. But I do now. —PREMATURE WIDOW.

Dear Widow: Please don't mistake ineptness for cruelty. People often say the wrong thing when they don't know what to say. Their very presence was an indication of friendship. Accept it as such and don't be bitter.

Dear Ann Landers: My little grandson who is eight years old has gotten into the habit of licking his lower lip about one inch below the natural lip line. This has been going on for several months now and part of his chin has become so raw that people are constantly asking what is the matter with him.

I have told the boy his chin looks dreadful and to please break himself of the habit. He says his lips always feel dry and he can't help it.

Have you ever heard of anything like this? What can be done about it? —GRAM.

Dear Gram: The boy has a nervous habit and you can't nag or shame a person out of a nervous habit, so stop trying.

A water-repellent ointment will help the chin to heal. Ask your physician about this type of medication.

Confidential to In Need Of Supporters: The idea sounds like a bright one. Run it up the flagpole and see if anyone salutes it.

Give in or lose him... when a guy gives you this line, look out! For tips on how to handle the super sex salesman, check Ann Landers' Read her booklet, "Necking And Petting—What Are The Limits?" Send your request to Ann Landers in care of your nearest newspaper, enclosing 50¢ in coin and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Officers' Benefit Saturday

The lovely King Cousins, a vocal quartet, will be in the spotlight Saturday evening at the annual Torrance Police Officers' Benefit Show and Dance. The program begins at 8:30 p.m. in the Long Beach Arena.

Following the show, Teddy Phillips and his orchestra will provide the music for dancing until 12:30 a.m. Semi-formal dress will be appropriate.

Other featured entertainers on the program are the Mexicali Brass, Billy Barty, Jack Denton, the Al Dots, Miss Tulera Lee, and the Wilder Brothers.

No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the Long Beach Arena, but a concession stand will be open during the evening.

Blood Unit Schedules Area Visit

The public is invited to join Torrance Unified School District employees in giving blood at the Red Cross bloodmobile Friday, Dec. 1, from 2:30 to 7 p.m. at Torrance Elementary School, 2125 Lincoln Ave.

Mrs. Lenora Anderson, public health nurse with the school district and a volunteer Red Cross nurse, is coordinating the bloodmobile visit.

School district donors will be building up their group account with Red Cross, according to Mrs. Anderson.

All donors giving blood through Red Cross receive individual credit as well as credit to any group account they specify.

Appointments to give blood at this bloodmobile and others scheduled for the public in the future in this area may be made by calling the Red Cross office in San Pedro.

Sales Tax Refund Due Area Cities

More than \$77,500 is being refunded to California's cities and counties by the State Board of Equalization because of the cost of collecting the local 1 per cent sales and use tax is lower this year.

Richard Nevins, Southern California member of the board, said the total to be refunded individual agencies varies from \$13,000 for Los Angeles to 2 cents for the city of Hidden Hills.

The money will be included in November distributions to the state's 400 cities and 58 counties. Torrance will receive \$638,10, while Redondo Beach will get back \$236,72. Gardena will get \$200,63, compared to \$28,93 for the city of Lomita.

The cost of collecting the 1 per cent local tax was \$1.50 per \$100 this year, compared to \$1.53 per \$100 last year, Nevins explained.



RECOGNIZED . . . Two Torrance residents were among the many honored last week at the annual South Bay District Boy Scouts' Recognition Dinner. They included Howard Patterson (right) who was honored for his many years of service as the head of Troop 785 in Torrance and his work as an area commissioner, and Robert Beach (left), honored for his work as Scoutmaster of Troop 718, a post he had

held since 1960. The awards were presented by Adil Ghandi of the Palms Verdes Water Co. Patterson is an engineer at SED-CO and has three of his five sons enrolled in the Scouting program. Beach, manager of computer and data systems at TRW Systems, is a merit badge counselor and holder of the Scouter's Key.

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Kindergarten Program

Explained to Council

The frolicking fun of being in kindergarten pervaded Monday's regular meeting of the Educational Council of Torrance.

A capacity crowd at Torrance Recreation Center saw color slides of Torrance area kindergartners taking part in the many activities school provides for them. Narrator was Mrs. LaDonn Ross, a kindergarten teacher who appeared in many of the slides.

For a typical Torrance kindergarten, the day begins with a walk to school. This, in itself, is a big step toward teaching the child responsibility and independence, Mrs. Ross explained.

LEARNING to pledge the flag and obey school rules lay the groundwork for good citizenship.

The best part about kindergarten, Mrs. Ross said, is that it reaches children when they are ready to learn so many skills vital to daily living. The age of six is no longer con-

sidered the magical number when children naturally learn to read and many youngsters, all over the country, are reading before they leave kindergarten.

LEFT-TO-RIGHT eye motion is one of the pre-reading skills taught to the kindergartners. This is not a natural tendency, Mrs. Ross explained. It must be learned.

Being able to recognize differences is another important skill that aids children in learning to read. Simple puzzles help children to develop this skill, Mrs. Ross noted.

The youngsters are also drilled in vocabulary and word recognition.

In addition to the usual

First Tax Payments Due Soon

Property owners who did not receive their 1967 tax bill will be liable for a 6 per cent penalty if they fail to make their first installment payment on or before Dec. 10, Harold J. Ostly, county tax collector, said today.

Ostly said taxpayers who did not receive a 1967 bill should contact his office at once to obtain a copy of the bill. The legal or deed description of the property must be supplied, Ostly said, in order to obtain a copy of the tax bill.

Property owners whose taxes are paid by the mortgage holder or loan company do not need to obtain a bill, he added.

The first installment of the 1967-68 property tax is due Dec. 10. A penalty will be assessed on all bills not post-marked by that date.

Copies of the tax bill may be obtained by calling the tax collector's office or by writing to Harold J. Ostly, Tax Collector, 225 N. Hill St., Los Angeles 90012. Taxpayers also may call at the office in person.

Float To Cost \$8,000

More than 4,000 letters seeking financial support for the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association were mailed this week to business firms throughout the city, Robert H. Vroman, chairman, has announced.

Vroman said the city's entry in the 1968 Tournament of Roses will cost in excess of \$8,000.

Following the tournament's theme, "Wonderful World of Adventure," the Torrance float committee has selected "Romance of Early California" as the theme for the local entry.

THE FLOAT will stand 17 feet high, 20 feet wide, and 42 feet long. It will depict the charm and grandeur of the early days of California.

Decorating of the float will be done by volunteer workers, reducing the total cost of the entry by nearly \$3,000, Vroman said.

Letters asking for financial aid were prepared and addressed by members of the Torrance Junior Women's Club, the Torrance Jayettes, and Chamber of Commerce.

THE TORRANCE Tournament of Roses Association enters a float each year in the world famous Pasadena parade to publicize the city at the state, national, and international levels, Vroman said.

Co-sponsors of the floral entry are the city and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Contributions to the float construction fund should be made payable to the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association and mailed to the Chamber of Commerce offices at 1510 Cravens Ave.

Serving on the committee with Vroman are Mrs. Florence Robertson and Edwin W. Sullivan.

Supervisor Appointed

Appointment of Miss Vel Moore as supervisor of girls' and women's sports programs for the Torrance Recreation Department has been announced by Harry B. Van Bellehem, director of recreation.

Miss Moore, formerly with the El Monte Recreation Department, is a graduate of the University of Washington. She currently is studying for a master's degree at California State College at Los Angeles.

North High Names Two To Council

Mark Hubert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hubert of 3309 W. 166th St., and Melvin Iizuka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Iizuka of 2411 W. 164th St., have been chosen to represent North High on the Torrance Youth Council.

The council is comprised of students from five Torrance high schools, and meets to discuss the problems of today's youth. The idea grew out of the city's annual Junior Citizens Day, when teenagers sit in for councilmen for a day.

The youths can make a recommendation on a problem after their discussion, and if it is approved by the Youth Welfare Commission it will be sent to the City Council for possible adoption.

Enters Hospital

Ronald Staake, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Staake of 4707 Lee St., has been admitted as a patient at Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles.



NEW CHIEF . . . New leaders of two councils of the Wamptusi Nation will be honored Saturday during the semi-annual Pow Wow to induct new members and tribes, graduates maidens, and seat new officers for the next six months. Denise Dalton (left), 8, is shown here crowning her mother, Mrs. Carl Dalton, while Mrs. Al Young is crowned by her daughter, Lisa, 9. Mrs. Dalton and Denise will share duties at Tau Ku Ma of the Wabanaki Council, while Mrs. Young and Lisa will serve at Tau Ku Ma of the Kap-Ka Council. The public is invited to witness the ceremony at 7 p.m. at the Torrance Family YMCA. (Press-Herald Photo)

COUNT MARCO

Educator: New Name for Sucker

I suppose for want of another name — and I could give them a few myself — they call themselves educators.

One gentleman, for instance, recently wrapped his cloak of words protectively around runaway "flower and/or deflowered" hippie teenagers: "They rebel against society at an early age because they know there's no room at the top for them."

Mon Dieu! Top of what? Top of the dung heap?

That is undoubtedly one of the most un-American statements I've heard in years. Never have youngsters at any time anywhere in the world had such opportunities to get to THE TOP of the ladder of success as they do now and here. Why, only 50 years ago, wealth, fame and success were attainable by only a few because of economic conditions and social restrictions.

So limited, in fact, was the group at the top during that era that it was almost officially decreed that only 400 families in the United States were truly worthy of consideration.

Today all that is changed. Any person can be a millionaire and gain fame and social success. The future promises even greater opportunities.

So how dare any supposedly intelligent individual say publicly that these lazy little brats give up when yet in their teens because "they know there's no room at the top?" How would they know at their age, not having even found footing on the first rung yet?

The fastest way to get youngsters to the top is to start at the bottom — theirs. Swat it every time they sit

back on it. These little whiners are like the grasshopper who was under the impression the world owed it a living.

They are further encouraged by foolish tongues dripping sympathy over them, crooning, "You poor, mistreated little dears. Failures at the age of 12, 13, or even 15! You just sit back and we'll tell the world it's wrong to expect you to think of working for a living. We'll just pass the cup around once more."

P. T. Barnum was right. "There's a sucker born every minute . . ." And a sucker by any other name is an educator who sees every teen-ager as a potential failure. If he's glued to the bottom of the barrel, it's only because the adolescent bum is too lazy to climb the ladder and make his own way out of the mess.